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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/645,321

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
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: Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, PE  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2002 to November 24, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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